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SENATE BILL

No. 663

Introduced by Senator Correa

February 18, 2011

An act to add Section 89.5 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 663, as amended, Correa. Veterans: Homeless Veterans Advocate homeless veterans.

Under existing law, the Department of Veterans Affairs has specified powers and duties relating to various programs serving veterans, including—duties related to the California Interagency Council on Veterans establishing housing projects.

This bill would require the department to include specified information in the *its* strategic plan-created by California Interagency Council on Veterans related to homeless veterans, as provided. This bill would also require the department to transmit the strategic plan to the Chairmen of the Assembly and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 89.5 is added to the Military and Veterans
- 2 Code, to read:

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12 13 89.5. (a) The department shall include in the *its* strategic plan created by the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs the following:

- (1) A review of the goals and objectives relating to homeless veterans, to determine whether the methods the department uses to plan, analyze, develop, monitor, and implement the strategic plan will likely decrease homelessness among veterans.
- (2) A determination of the number of homeless veterans in this state and the number of those veterans who received benefits from state or federal programs, including, but not limited to, the number of homeless veterans in need of multifamily or transitional housing and the number of those veterans who received benefits for those needs.
- 14 (b) The department shall transmit the strategic plan to the 15 Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and the 16 Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs.